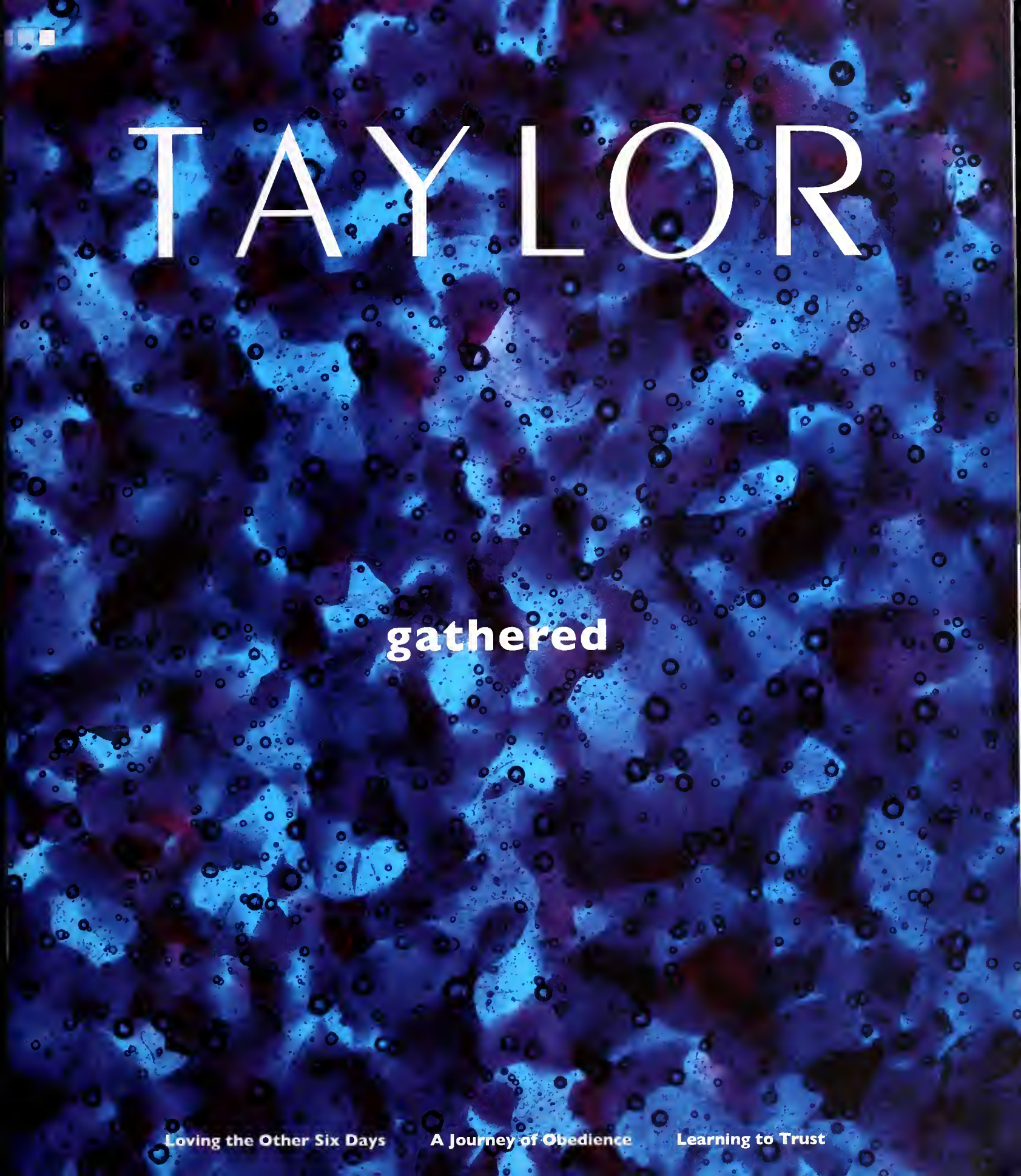
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Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this – those He redeemed from the hand of the foe, those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.
Psalm 107: 1-3

We live, in fact, in a world starved for solitude, silence, and private: and therefore starved for meditation and true friendship.
C. S. Lewis from *The Weight of Glory*

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:1-4

I understood that God does not wish men to live apart, and therefore He does not reveal to them what each one needs for himself; but He wishes them to live united, and therefore reveals to each of them what is necessary for all.
Leo Tolstoy

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The throng of people in front of the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium was crushing. He could barely move, let alone slip through the crowd unnoticed by his two pursuers.
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Taylor is our basis because that is where we met – that is our foundation. Every school we went to we tried to make it a little Taylor.
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The attackers were aiming to arrive during that break, because if they had all the kids would have been outside. As it was, they got held up in traffic and arrived 10 minutes late. No children were hurt; no teachers were hurt.
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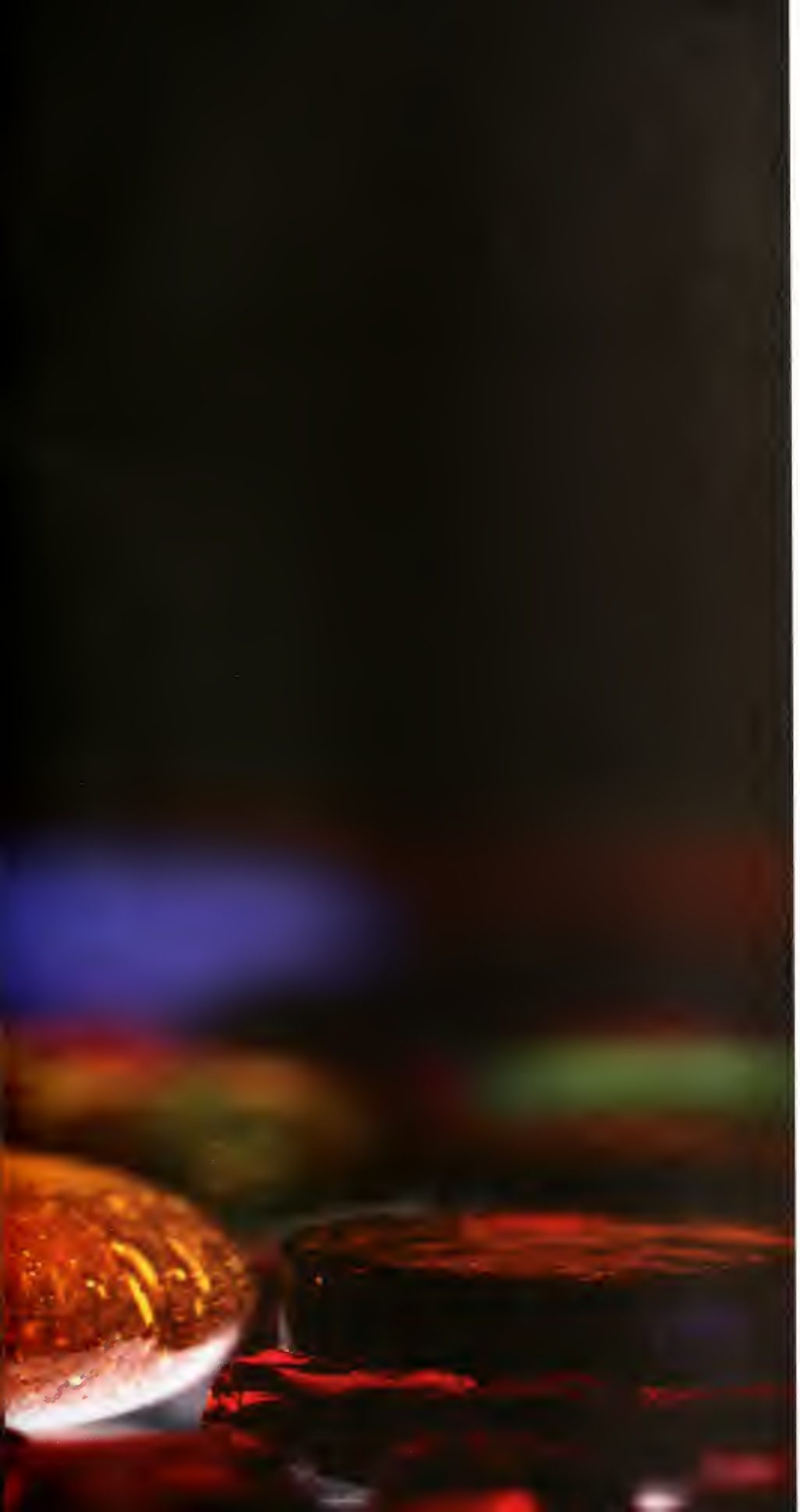

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Gathered for a purpose

From the north and south, her students,
East and west, are there,
All the nations ope' her portals,
And her blessings share.

Verse 2 of *The Taylor Song*

Dave Le Shana '54 was a senior at a boarding school for missionary children in India's Himalayan mountain range when one of his most beloved mentors, Art Howard '38, told him that he should consider going to college. But it wasn't just any college – it should be in America. In fact, it should be a Christian school – in short, Art believed Dave needed to go to Taylor University.

Matt Orvis '12 came to Upland, Ind., and Taylor to study physics from his home in Kona, Hawaii, because four influential friends had attended Taylor and encouraged him to come.

Renata Kantaruk was born in Poland and lived behind the Iron Curtain for the first 19 years of her life. But through an amazing set of circumstances, she found herself at Taylor University where she now serves as a faculty member.

Some had a life-changing encounter with God before they came. Others, like Dave Leveille '60, came face to face with the King of Kings after they got here.

These are just some of the stories in this issue of *Taylor*. The idea of men and women coming from the remotest parts of the earth to study at Taylor isn't new. From Sammy Morris and Grace Olson to Olive Draper and Don Odle '42, God has been drawing people to Taylor University for more than 160 years where they have either learned as students or created their own legacy as faculty members.

And that has been one of Taylor's greatest distinctives. While the programs we enact, the buildings we construct and the things we do as a University are done in faith and a joyful reliance on the power of God, it is even more the extraordinary men and women whom He calls here who are Taylor's greatest legacy.

James R. Garringer
Editor

Number one – to the power of four

For the fourth straight year, Taylor University has been ranked the Midwest's number one regional college by the U.S.News & World Report survey *America's Best Colleges*.

Beyond the U.S.News rankings, Princeton Review, Forbes.com and Washington Monthly all recognized Taylor with national and regional rankings. The publications compiled their surveys using various data that included the Common Data Set, RateMyProfessor.com, and questionnaires completed by current students.

Washington Monthly, which ranked Taylor the number three Baccalaureate College in the United States, rated schools based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs), and Service (encouraging students to give something back to their country).

Beyond the number one ranking, U.S.News also recognized Taylor in several regional and nationwide lists that included:

- Undergraduate Teaching at Regional Colleges – Number one Midwest College
- Best Values – number four Midwest Regional College
- Students Studying Abroad (National list of 100 schools) Taylor – 60%
- Highest Graduation Rate – Regional Colleges Midwest – Number one with 77.5%
- Average Freshman Retention Rate – Regional Colleges Midwest – Number one 85.8%
- Economic Diversity Among Top Ranked Schools: Regional Colleges Midwest – Taylor included with 26%
- Best Colleges: Best Values – Regional Colleges Midwest – number four

"While each of these national media outlets quantifies certain aspects of the programs they survey, the result each of these four studies arrived at was the same – there is world-class learning going on here at Taylor University that impacts the lives of our students and everyone with whom they come in contact for years to come," said Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68, Taylor president.

"These honors are the result of hard work on the part of our students, faculty and staff, the generous support and global impact of our alumni and ultimately the blessings of God," Habecker added. "While celebration and thanksgiving to God is in order, now is not the time to coast. Rather, it is the Lord who calls us to become even more than we are for the sake of His kingdom."

Norman Yatooma, Scott Hughett and Chuck Lofton share their stories during Homecoming chapel

Coming home to that sacred place

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then the time a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.
James Whitcomb Riley

The frost was not yet on the pumpkin, but the weather and brilliant fall colors served notice to more than 2,000 alumni, parents and family members how glorious autumn in Indiana can be.

Taylor's two big fall events – Parents and Family Weekend and Homecoming – were held on consecutive weekends in early October and featured a wide variety of food, fellowship, entertainment and reunions.

Homecoming highlights included class reunions, a reunion of Taylor's first football team, the Alumni 5K Run, volleyball and football. The National Alumni Council presented their annual awards to the following:

Dr. David '53 and Mrs. Becky (Swander '53) Le Shana, Legion of Honor; **Scott Hughett '87,** Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement; **Norman Yatooma '94,** Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement; **Craig Jaggers '00,** Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement; **Dawnielle Miller '04,** Distinguished Young Alumnus for Personal Achievement; **Dr. Steve Bedi '65,** Distinguished Alumnus for Service to Taylor; **Chuck Lofton,** Honorary Alumni.

Parents and Family Weekend featured Night on the Loop, a new idea that allowed parents and students to walk throughout the campus to visit various locations of food and student art. Additional events included classroom visits, faculty receptions, volleyball, soccer and lacrosse, and a State of the University Address by Taylor President Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68.

"The two weekends were wonderful times of fellowship, rekindling of friendships and fun," said Brent Rudin '94, associate vice president for alumni and parent relations. "It was very exciting for our alumni, parents, family members and friends to see the great things going on at Taylor from the nearly $50 million in construction projects to the sweet spirit that they sensed on the campus. We are excited to celebrate how God has used, and continues to use, our more than 19,000 Taylor University alumni around the world."

Construction at every corner

First steps taken toward new student center

Roads are closed, parking lot usage has shifted and there is an abundance of dust and dirt on the Taylor campus this fall. And that is a good thing.

It's evident from the moment one drives onto the Taylor campus that the University is in its most active building period of the past 40 years. Not since the early years of the presidency of Dr. Milo A. Rediger '38 when the Reade and Nussbaum Centers and the Olson and Wengatz residence halls were added has the campus had as much construction in process.

The Euler Science Complex, Eichling Aquatics Wing and the new student apartments represent nearly $50 million in construction projects. Eichling is scheduled for completion with a planned opening during the spring 2011 semester. The student apartments are next, with a slated fall 2011 opening. And the much-anticipated Euler Science Complex is scheduled for completion in time for the 2012 fall semester.

"Everything is on schedule," said Ron Sutherland '82, vice president for finance at Taylor. "While the lack of rain has been a hardship for many, it has helped our construction schedule. In fact, the science building is a little ahead of schedule."

Sutherland said Euler, Eichling and the new apartments will each make their own impact to the academic and community landscapes at Taylor University.

"It's amazing to us to think that in the midst of the economic environment that our country has gone through, that Taylor's academic programs have been able to be enhanced with the addition of these three much-needed facilities that will significantly enhance our ability to attract quality students," he added.

During their October meeting, Taylor's Board of Trustees approved initial planning for the eventual construction of a new student center once the current wave of construction is completed.

"We celebrate God's leading and faithfulness, which He has shown to all of us at Taylor over and over during these efforts," said Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement at Taylor. "When these projects conclude, Taylor University will be uniquely positioned among all Indiana and Christ-centered universities to give our students a life-changing educational experience."

The west staircase of the Euler Science Complex.

University Relations and Marketing staff members Ben Wehling and Julie Campbell are shown at the RV used to gather alumni stories at Homecoming.

A story to tell

Stories of Taylor project seeks to show rather than tell

Each year, hundreds of Taylor alumni and friends return for Homecoming weekend to catch up with old friends and share stories about their Taylor experience. This year, those stories found a home, in the form of a 33-ft RV parked outside Odle Arena. Over 45 Taylor alumni, parents and friends were recorded on video as a part of the *Stories of Taylor* project, hosted by Taylor's University Relations and Marketing office.

"We have heard many stories about how Taylor University has touched the lives of so many people throughout the years," said Julie Campbell, Taylor's director of online communications. "We want to share those stories with as many people as we can, and we know the best way to do that is to get these stories first-hand. *Stories of Taylor* was created to encourage those with a passion for Taylor to tell their stories."

Participants who visited the RV mini-studio were recorded on video as they told their respective stories. Campbell, as well as Adam Perry (art director) and Ben Wehling (director of communications and marketing) were on-hand to record the accounts, which ranged from fond memories to accounts of how Taylor is influencing the world.

One such story belonged to Kathy (Lauber) Blume '60, who related her encounter with a hotel worker. She said excitedly that the worker's children had been blessed by the ministry of several current Taylor students. "I just had to share this with you," Blume said, "I can't imagine a better way to be blessed during Homecoming weekend."

"Hearing the stories of so many people was a reminder that Taylor's legacy is composed of individuals," said Wehling. "Don Odle '42, Milo Rediger '39, and others *were* Taylor University to so many people because they were working first for God's Kingdom."

In the coming weeks, the videos will be appearing at taylor.edu/stories. Those who were unable to attend Homecoming can still contribute to the project by visiting www.taylor.edu/stories or by sending your stories to stories@taylor.edu.

From ashes to glory

This is the time of the football season that Matt Orvis '12 really starts to feel the wear and tear on his body. His knees hurt. His shoulder and neck hurt. Fingers and toes he has jammed ache; and the day of his interview there was a partially-healed cut on his face and he had no idea how it got there.

Yet it is the love of the game and time spent with his teammates that keeps him coming back for more. "It's how we are made to live, not only in fellowship with God, but in fellowship with other people," he says. "You have to rely a lot on the people around you and allow them to help you rather than just being your own island."

Wise beyond his years, Orvis speaks from a heart that desperately loves Jesus and understands the depths from which he has been saved.

Taylor was not Orvis' first stop. A former cadet at the United States Air Force Academy and member of the Falcons football team, Orvis was just weeks from finishing his freshman year there when Academy officials dismissed him after he was caught up in a cheating scandal. "I was really angry at myself. I was angry at God as well," Orvis remembers before adding, "(But) it was the best thing that ever happened to me."

"It was my dream from when I was 12-years-old," he explains. "I wanted to go to the Air Force Academy to be a fighter pilot. I would have probably ended up doing that, and having fun doing that. But as far as being into it with Jesus or having any type of relationship with Him, for me at least, that environment would have totally destroyed everything ... I believed in Jesus before that, but my life didn't bear any mark of Him at all."

It was a few months later at the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) school in Australia that, for the first time, Orvis became serious about his faith. "From the first day I got there it seemed like God turned me upside down and started shaking out all of the stuff inside of me. He showed me what I really was and how amazing He was," Orvis remembers. "It was at that point I really gave my heart to Jesus and decided to follow Him with everything I have."

His response to God's love and leading led Orvis to Taylor University where today he majors in physics and is a starting tight end for the Trojans. "To us, he is just Matt," says Coach Ron Korfmacher '83 who adds Orvis has been a great addition to the team – and the Taylor campus. "He is just present in the moment, not looking ahead, not looking back. For his teammates and classmates his main thing is, "'I'm here for you.'"

"It's just a story of how God redeemed me," says Orvis. "The biggest thing I learned, or that was shown to me, was the huge difference between believing that Jesus exists and actually giving your heart to Him."

Faculty accolades

Solomon Abebe, professor of education, is president-elect for the Association for Teacher Educators-Indiana.

Chris Bade, professor of music, premiered associate professor of music **Dana Collins**' *Concert Music I* for clarinet and orchestra with the Marion Philharmonic in Rediger Auditorium on May 8, 2010.

Mick Bates, assistant professor of business, was a member of a Handong Global University team that staged a Global Entrepreneurship Training program for East Africa.

Ron Benbow, professor of mathematics, conducted workshops for the Indiana Department of Education to facilitate an Educational Service Center Region 8, two-day workshop for third through fifth grade teachers, August, 2010.

Lee Erickson, professor of economics, presented *Comparing Formative Assessments: Daily In-class versus Weekly Online* at the Western Economics Association International annual meetings in Portland, Oregon on July 2, 2010.

Taylor faculty, led by faculty members **Joel Gegner**, physics and engineering, and **Jonathan Geisler**, computer science and engineering, completed the re-accreditation application for Taylor's ABET-accredited engineering programs. Both programs were reaccredited effective August 2010.

Michael Guebert, professor of earth and environmental science, published a chapter *Water for Life: Global Freshwater Resources* in the book *Keeping God's Green Earth: The Global Environment in Biblical Perspective* (Intervarsity Press 2010).

Nicholas Kerton-Johnson, assistant professor of political science, authored, *Justifying America's Wars: The Conduct and Practice of US Military Intervention*, which is part of Routledge's Contemporary Security Studies Series.

Sheri Klouda, assistant professor of biblical studies, wrote commentary entries on Joel and Jonah for the *Baker Evangelical One-Volume Commentary on the Bible.*

Joe Lund, professor of psychology, published an article titled *Successful Faculty Peer Relationships at Evangelical Christian Colleges* which was published in *Christian Higher Education.*

Stephen Messer, associate professor of history, completed the book review: David C. Carter, *The Music Has Gone Out of the Movement: Civil Rights and the Johnson Administration, 1965-1968* in the Winter/Spring 2010 edition of *Fides et Historia.*

Master of Arts in Higher Education faculty members **Skip Trudeau**, **Todd Ream** and **Tim Herrmann '75**, co-authored *A Parent's Guide to the Christian College: Supporting Your Child's Mind and Spirit During the College Years.* Abilene Christian Press/Leafwood Publishing.

Mary Muchiri, associate professor of English, presented *Linguistic Challenges in a Multilingual Set-Up: Issues in Training Public School Teachers for TESOL in Indiana, USA*, at a conference in Nairobi, Kenya, July 2010.

Thom Satterlee, professor of English, published a poem, *Because*, in the New York Quarterly 66 (2010).

Hank Voss, professor of engineering, **Don Takehara**, associate professor of research, **Pam Medows**, professor of education, **Steve Snyder**, professor of psychology and **Mick Bates**, assistant professor of business received a $533,797 National Science Foundation grant for their project entitled *High Altitude Ballooning into Undergraduate STEM Curriculum: Preparing for Widespread Implementation.*

Dr. Lawrence Belcher

Dr. Lawrence Belcher named dean of the School of Business at Taylor University

Dr. Lawrence Belcher has been named Dean of the School of Business and Arthur L. Hodson Endowed Chair of Business at Taylor University. Belcher, currently a professor of finance and director of the Roland and Sarah George Investments Institute at Stetson University (DeLand, Fla.), was hired following a nationwide search.

Belcher served as finance department chair for 13 years and has received numerous teaching awards, including the Stetson School of Business Teacher of the Year. In addition to innovative curriculum projects, Belcher was involved in the development of a unique executive MBA program with nearby Walt Disney World. Belcher has published research in academic journals and is a frequent commentator in national publications including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and The Chronicle of Higher Education.

He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University, an M.S. in economics from Auburn University, and a B.A. from Hanover College. He specializes in advanced economic theory, mathematical economics, monetary and financial market theory, and fiscal theory.

According to Taylor Provost Dr. Steve Bedi '65, Belcher was instrumental in the growth of the School of Business Administration at Stetson – a university that is similar in size to Taylor but has more than 500 business majors compared to about 150 at Taylor.

"Dr. Belcher comes to Taylor with an established record and national reputation of academic excellence, growth and success," said Bedi. "His leadership skills and expertise will advance our Business School to a high level of quality and performance. Dr. Belcher is also known at Stetson for his vibrant faith and love for teaching. We are excited that he will lead the School of Business at Taylor University."

"Taylor has a very strong and committed alumni base," Bedi added. "Many of our business alumni are entrepreneurs, as well as successful businessmen and women who lead some of the country's largest and most outstanding companies. Dr. Belcher will help us further engage our alumni, parents and friends to grow and strengthen the program as well as support Taylor's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team that is gaining national recognition."

"Taylor has a good business program and a legacy of strong faculty, including business leaders who became great teachers such as Bob Gortner and the late Rick Seaman – people I knew and respected," said Belcher. "It's poised to grow in size, strength and reputation to help young Christian men and women who want to study business and live their faith in the marketplace."

Belcher and his wife Susan (Odle '78) are parents to two sons, Cameron and Landon. Belcher will officially begin his Taylor assignment on July 1, 2011. In the meantime, he will serve a consulting role through the remainder of the 2010-11 academic year.

Brothers Tyler and Ryan Beachler celebrate after Tyler's goal against Indiana Wesleyan on Oct. 16.

Stellar volleyball performance highlights winning fall season

Volleyball
With a record of 34-6 (16-0 MCC), the 10th ranked Trojans won the conference tournament and their fourth straight MCC regular season championship. Taylor won six matches against Top 25 opponents and was once ranked No. 8. Kelsey Pritchard '12 had 444 kills (13th nationally) and earned her second NAIA National Player of the Week honor. Rachel Kizer '11 became the 19th member of Taylor's 1,000-kill club.

Men's Soccer
Tyler Beachler '12 scored 10 goals to lead the Trojans, bringing his career total to 38 goals. Beachler and Joel Ritz '14 were each named MCC Offensive Player of the Week. The defense recorded six shutouts and was ranked 13th nationally. The Trojans' record was 11-8-1 (4-3-1 MCC, fourth).

Women's Soccer
Taylor recorded nine shutouts (fourth nationally), allowing only three goals in the month of September. Molly Drooger '14 led the team with 14 goals scored – second in the MCC and 22nd nationally. Taylor's record was 11-8 (3-5 MCC, sixth).

Men's Cross Country
The team finished third at the Bethel College Invitational. Adam Schroer '11 was the top runner and his 25:40.4 time at the Great Lakes Challenge in Grand Rapids, Mich., was a personal record.

Women's Cross Country
First-year head Coach Quinn White '88 saw his runners finish fifth at the Midwest Classic at Olivet Nazarene University in his collegiate head coaching debut. The team also finished third at the IWU Wildcat Invitational, paced by Kirstin Hegelein '12, who ran 18:50.

Football
Big wins included Malone at Homecoming and a road upset of No. 13 Walsh. During a season opening 42-20 win at Anderson, quarterback Shaun Addison '11 passed for a school record 418 yards, earning NAIA National Offensive Player of the Week honors. Trenton Schmale '11 became Taylor's all-time leading kick returner and was later named NAIA National Special Teams Player of the Week. The Trojans finished 6-5 (4-3 in the MSFA).

Men's Tennis
The team was 11-4 overall (7-1 in the MCC, second). All-Conference honorees were Felipe Bedon '11 (his fourth straight selection), Wes Nitzsche '12 and Weston Young '13.

Women's Tennis
Germania Bedon '12 was named to the all-MCC team for the third straight year. She was undefeated in conference regular season singles play and won the ITA Regional singles championship to advance to her second USTA/ITA National Small College Championships. The Trojans were 10-4 overall (7-1 in the MCC, second).

** Won-lost records, stats are current up to press deadline. For scores, player bios and more visit www.taylor.edu/athletics, www.twitter.com/taylortrojans, www.facebook.com/taylortrojans and www.youtube.com/taylorathletics.*

A story of God's grace

By Renata Kantaruk

"I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 89:1

I was born in 1970 in Krakow, Poland. My parents were practicing Catholics and attended church at least once a week. As a child, I found church tedious and I tried to convince my parents to leave me behind each Sunday – it was a losing battle. Although Poland was behind the Iron Curtain at the time, and even though other socialist bloc countries became progressively more secularized, Poland remained strongly Catholic. To be Catholic at that time was tantamount to being a true patriot and an anti-communist, and some parishes quietly encouraged anti-communist sentiments.

In 1981, martial law was declared in Poland and lasted for two years. The economic situation was very difficult. Items such as meat, sugar, candy or laundry detergent were rationed and there were long lines in stores whenever anything did become available. The difficult political and economic circumstances drove many Poles, especially men, to drink. Such was the case with my father, who under the influence of alcohol, became verbally and physically abusive. This was in no way an exceptional situation in our neighborhood as I regularly heard fights coming from our neighbors' apartments.

But by 1989, the year I graduated from high school, political and economic changes were accelerating. After the Berlin Wall fell, a number of freedoms Poles had been denied for decades were granted. Mine was the first college class in years that didn't have to study Russian, and I chose to study English instead.

One summer, a friend invited me to go with her to Gdansk in northern Poland to meet a ship full of English speakers. I thought it would be an opportunity to practice my English, but I had no idea that the ship – the Logos II – was a Christian mission ship owned by Operation Mobilization.

After meeting the OM missionaries, I realized their religious beliefs and practices differed from my own. One could see ship's crew walking around carrying Bibles. I was invited to prayer meetings where people closed their eyes and bowed their heads, which I had never seen anyone do before. The people I met on Logos II impressed me profoundly with their kindness to each other and to us visitors, who were after all strangers to them.

While on Logos II, I participated as an interpreter in multiple conversations about God and became an unknowing conduit for the gospel of God's grace. The message was completely new to me. I grew up believing salvation was earned through good works, but learned instead that salvation was a free gift from God. I heard again and again about humanity's fall, God's plan of redemption, Christ's death and resurrection, and that it actually was possible to know God. One evening, alone in my room, I began reading a booklet of the *Gospel of John*. I had never seriously tried reading the Bible before; I hoped I would find some answers.

As I was reading, various passages began to pierce my heart. I realize now it must have been the Holy Spirit waking up my spirit. I could not stop reading. When I reached the end, there was a prayer about giving my life to God and a place for my signature. I realized this was my moment to either give my life to God or walk away. I prayed that prayer and signed my name. Many years later a thought struck me that while at the time of my conversion I wasn't looking for God, in His tender mercy He was looking for me, His lost sheep.

My relationship with God grew as I learned to pray and read my Bible and was strengthened, encouraged and connected to local believers, to whom I was inadvertently guided. Eventually, I was faced with the necessity to forgive my father. Since I was living with my parents at the time, I was constantly exposed to his abusive behavior and I have to admit that I hated him. I began to realize that God wanted me to forgive my father and to love him, but I didn't quite know what to do with my anger and hurt. I believed the situation had gone on too long for any healing to happen.

Then in my daily readings I came across 2 Corinthians 5:17 that said, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."* It made me realize that as a new creation I could actually let go of my anger and hurt and I could really forgive my father, which I did. My Dad passed away last May, and I am so happy that I had released him in my heart, was able to pray for him and bless him.

There is so much more to the story of what God has done in my life, and how he has lovingly and tenderly provided me with the care and guidance I needed. It brings to mind a verse from Isaiah 40:

He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

I love my Father very much.

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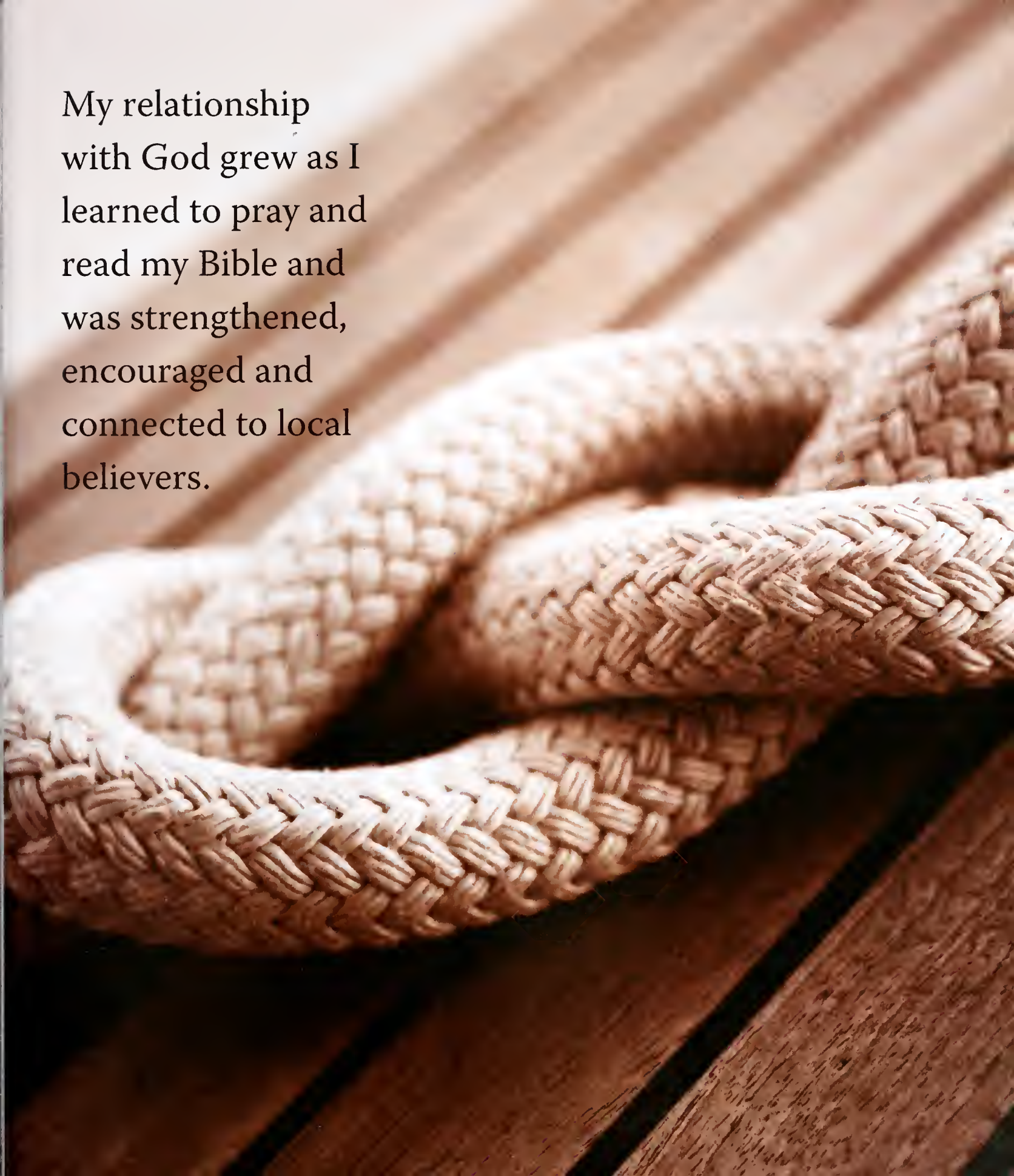

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Euler Science Complex

pray

Taylor trustees, who collectively have pledged $15 million for the facility, have each taken a day of the month to pray throughout this project and for the impact it will have on our students' lives. You can pray as the Lord leads you and/or you can also take a day of each month to pray for this project for the next two years and we'll send you a reminder each month. Contact Whitney Drake '04, Coordinator of Special Initiatives, at whitney_drake@taylor.edu to join the Euler Prayer Initiative.

invest

Because of fundraising progress on a very favorable construction bid (over 20% less than estimated), we broke ground with $3.8 million still to raise for equipment, furnishings and some sustainability features during the next 12-18 months. Currently there remains $3.9 million left to raise. You can still help, and all gifts to the Euler Science Complex will be matched. Give online by visiting www.taylor.edu/ScienceCenter.

network

If you know of individuals, families, foundations or businesses that align with the vision of Taylor University and specifically with the mission of the School of Natural and Applied Sciences, we would love to partner with them to complete the Euler Science Complex. Contact David Ritchie at 800-882-3456, ext. 5397, or dvritchie@taylor.edu to learn more.

recruit

While the current facility was beginning to hinder recruiting new students, we believe the Euler Complex has the potential to add 100+ new students in science related majors. Are you a parent, grandparent, sibling, alumnus or friend who knows of a science student who would benefit from the faculty, peers and opportunities offered by Taylor University? Your opinion matters! Contact Whitney Drake at whitney_drake@taylor.edu if you know of a student and need more information on tours or admission requirements.

*Visit **www.taylor.edu/ScienceCenter** to view a simulated tour of the building, discover the ways you can give to this project, and learn more about the Sustaining A Legacy Of Discovery campaign at Taylor University.*

Amanda Schaffer, director of Parent and Family Programs pictured with her grandmother Ruth (Schaffer) Papazian.

What really matters?

My grandparents' financial support of the Taylor experience did not end with their last grandchild but extended to their estate planning. They have designated Taylor as a beneficiary of their will. Although neither of them attended Taylor, they saw the impact of the Taylor experience – a Christian education that changes lives and impacts the world for Christ. The legacy of my grandparents' generosity continues; following their example I, too, have included Taylor in my estate plans.

Amanda Schaffer '02

The Bishop William Taylor Society honors those who have included Taylor University in their estate plans or have established one of several planned gifts that include: bequests through a will or living trust, beneficiary designations of a retirement plan or life insurance policy, or establishing a charitable gift annuity or charitable trust that will provide an income for the rest of your life.

The 342 society members have touched the lives of thousands of students and will preserve and strengthen Taylor University for God's intended purpose – now and in the days to come.

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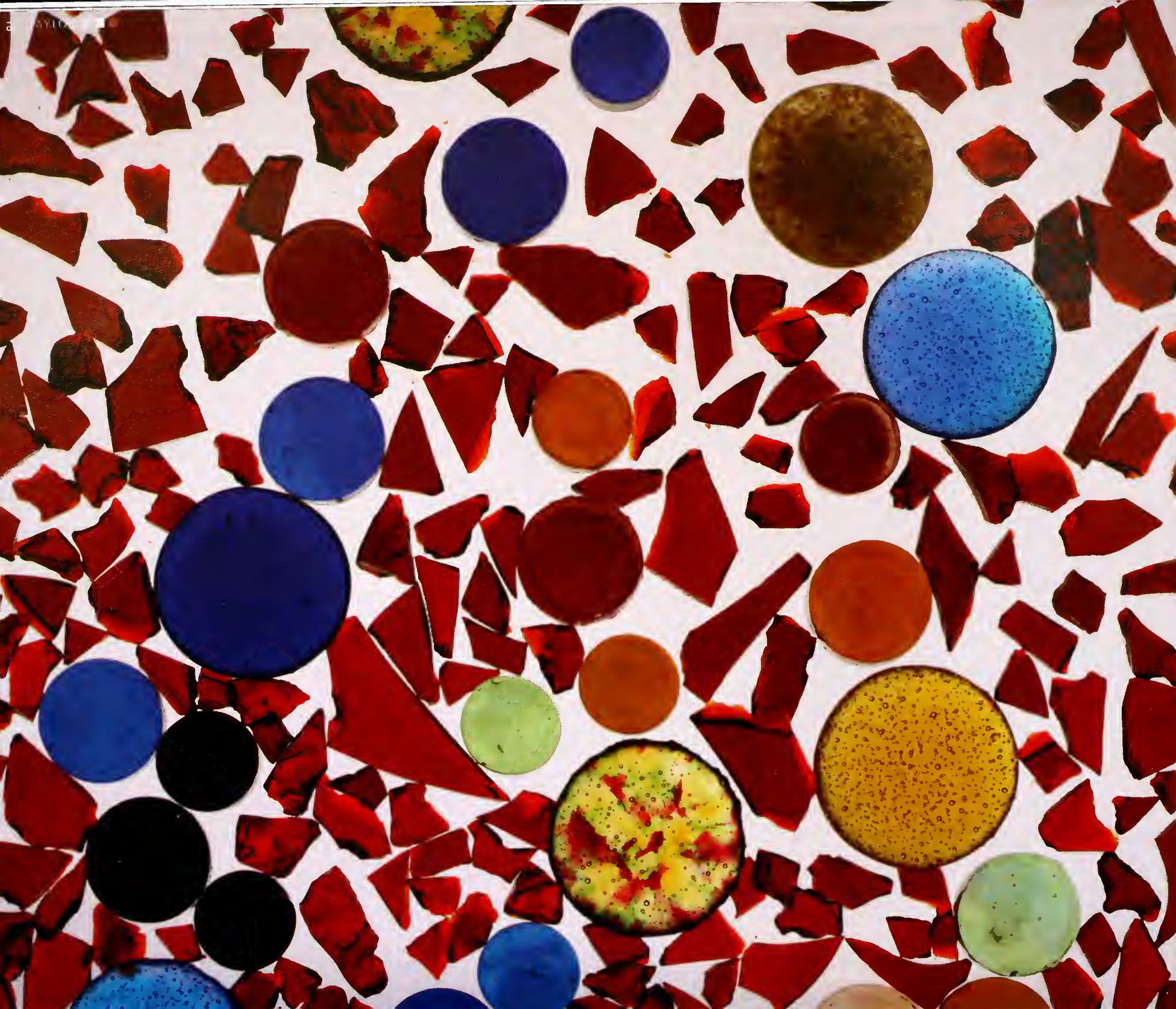

gathered
Isaiah 40:11
He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.

(From left) Y
Rattray, LaJoya S
and Marissa Ro

Loving the other six days

Three seniors reflect on expectations, studies, friendship and "The Bubble"

When they were girls, Marissa Rosado '11, Yvette Rattray '11 and LaJoya Smith '11 used to visit their older siblings, who were students at Taylor University. Fun times in the residence halls, Friday night slumber parties and late night coffee runs convinced them to come to Taylor themselves. But when they got here, they found that Taylor wasn't just the Friday night fun. Marissa is the sister of Ariana (Rosado '00) Guilford and Ben Rosado '06; Yvette is the sister of Heather (Rattray '01) Williams; and LaJoya is the sister of Alycia (Caldwell '98) Taylor.

Marissa Rosado, international business and Spanish double major from Chicago, Ill.:
I definitely looked at other schools, but I still considered Taylor my number one choice. Ariana and Ben loved it here. They thrived here and have done well afterwards, so I figured that I would do the same ... We had kind of figured every night at college was going to be like a Friday night when we were visiting. It was definitely an adjustment period of making my own friends and realizing I had to carve out my own place at Taylor and find out what Taylor is for me. ➡

LaJoya Smith, communications major from Andover, Ohio: (My first two years) I just didn't think it was the same as when my sister went here. Always when I came to visit my sister I had a blast. It may have been because I was nine years old, too. During my sophomore year, I wanted to transfer but I talked to my family. Steve Mortland '85 and my sister Alycia were a big part of it. I stuck it out through the year and now I love Taylor.

Yvette Rattray, media communication major from Barrington, Ill.: I've been challenged in many different ways. I've learned how God definitely has a purpose for each and every one of us and He wants to personally put me through trials that will help shape me and grow. I get to see how, even through those times, he gives us people like our friends here at Taylor to help us grow.

Marissa: College is a transitional time in your life when you are supposed to be stretching yourself both spiritually and academically. I think the challenges that Taylor presents you are to make your own choices and take responsibility for your own actions. That has definitely been a growing experience.

LaJoya: I remember my sister telling me about "The Bubble" on campus and how everyone here is so nice and polite and how once you step out of it, it's like a big reality check ... I guess I didn't really believe that, but when I came to Taylor I actually saw it. For me, "The Bubble" is people always walking by and smiling and saying "hi" to you. It's guys opening doors for the girls ... it's the professors and how willing they are to open up their homes to you and give you their extra time.

Yvette: Coming from a public school where you didn't know why some teachers were there and if they liked teaching or not, I was surprised by how the faculty cares so much for the students – they want to invest in your life. Whatever they are teaching, whatever they are coaching – they want you to use that in a way that can share the gospel or be an example of Christ.

Marissa: The business department is constantly training me to be a certain kind of business person with ethics and to do everything excellently. I took that for granted my first couple of years here because I thought everyone was doing that. But I did my practicum this summer in Chicago at a magazine publishing firm. In the end when they were evaluating my performance, they just kept on emphasizing the things I was doing right and the things that my professors had constantly drilled into us – to pursue excellence, to be humble and to be a servant.

LaJoya: I found out what it is to run for God and to glorify Him through sports. In high school it was always in the back of my head and I would always pray before I ran, but it was more for me and my team. Here at Taylor, Coach (Ted Bowers '73) stresses that we are to run for God. It's not about us; it's not about the team. It's about glorifying Him through the gifts that He's given us.

Yvette: The faculty members have really helped me grow – not just academically, but as a young Christian woman. And I think that excites me because I can leave here and it's not like I'm leaving these people behind. The Taylor alumni community is still such a family outside of here.

Marissa: Now we're seniors and looking at the future and realizing we can't make our plans without having God at the center of them. He has to be at the center of everything. And that is one of the cool things Taylor has driven into me is that no matter what I'm doing that God has to be at the core of it or it's not going to work.

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Paul Bachman displays the melon to the Religer Chapel/Auditorium crowd.

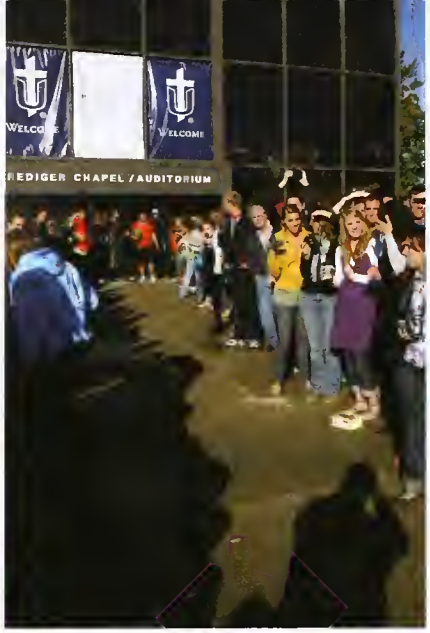
THE ULTIMATE IN MALE BONDING

Third West Wengatz residents' annual game has become a campus-wide event

As he moved through the crowd his nerves were on full alert. The door – and safety – was just a few feet away. But there were so many people in the way, and two of those people were looking specifically for him and were going to try to stop him. He hoped all the time he put into his disguise would work.

Melon and Gourd – it's part of Third West Wengatz (affectionately known as WWIII) Wild West Week and one of the more unique forms of male bonding that Taylor students participate in. It begins Monday when two Third West guys are designated as "It." One gets a melon, the other receives a gourd. The game itself is a combination of Hide and Seek and Tag. If an "It" tags you outside the confines of a campus building, you get the fruit and become "It" yourself. The game reaches its climax at 10:00 a.m., Friday. If you find yourself holding one of the fruits at that time, you take what is benignly called, "a healthy bite" during a pick-a-date event a week later. Considering the melon and gourd have sustained a week of being carried, jostled, dropped and taped back together, you have the makings of a less-than-memorable snack.

The throng of people in front of the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium was crushing. He could barely move, let alone slip through the crowd unnoticed by his two pursuers. The sound of sirens filled the air as some students arrived for chapel with a police escort. A group of girls dressed in black and holding flowers escorted a makeshift coffin toward the front door. And then there was more commotion as a group of guys tried to move a huge box through the crowd toward the door.



David Zilz (white hat, black wig, jacket) walks past James Taylor.

The Third West Wengatz guys celebrate at the end of Melon and Gour

"Everywhere I go during the week I am looking for other guys from the wing to talk about who is 'It.'"

With the 10:00 a.m. hour approaching, the two "Its" wait at the front door of the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium, since that is where each of the WWIII guys must pass. Since no one wants to be left holding the fruit, the Third West men have hatched some pretty creative ideas to elude capture. Some have shorn their shoulder-length hair because a buzz cut, to their way of thinking, is not as bad as the alternative. Others dress as their female classmates in hopes that their costume will be convincing enough to let them slip through. Others enlist the help of friends from other wings to shield them as they try to enter the chapel doors.

The contents of the box were not Third West guys, it was a female student armed with two shaving cream pies, which she used in an attempt to "pie" the seekers. The nearly 1,000 students gathered there roared their approval. He was now within just a few feet of the door. His heart was beating faster as he stepped into the open.

"Everywhere I go during the week I am looking for other guys from the wing to talk about who is 'It,'" says James Taylor '11, a Christian educational ministries major from Morrisonville, Ill. "A simple question like, 'Where are you headed?' when someone leaves the wing is met with a white lie or no response at all, to keep our locations on campus hidden from the Melon and Gourd."

Taylor's costume was not as convincing as some of his wing mates'. Dressed in a blonde wig and bright clothing, he was tagged and handed the gourd. A moment before, fellow Third West resident Paul Bachman was tagged with the broken watermelon when he was recognized in spite of his dark suit and sunglasses. Bachman and Taylor were now "It." That is, unless they could pass the fruit to another 3rd West guy. It was 9:56.

After stepping into the open, David Zilz '11 started walking among a group of college girls. He had carefully chosen his disguise of makeup, a dark wig, hat, women's jeans and jacket. Not walking too slowly or too quickly, Zilz looked straight ahead as he passed within inches of the watching wing mates and through the Chapel doors to safety. Once inside, a handful of students realized he had successfully pulled it off. They began to laugh, prompting Zilz to do a curtain call at the front door for the cheering crowd. A moment later, the game was counted down to its conclusion.

And so it fell to Taylor and Bachman to take that "healthy bite" the following week. "The rind could actually be peeled off the fruit like an orange and it revealed a gourd that had softened nicely," Taylor remembers. "The softened gourd didn't have much taste but the texture was by far the worst part. It tasted really slimy and chewy and brought an instant grimace to my face."

"The game deepens our bond with each other and to the wing as a whole," says Taylor. "As a senior, three years separate me from the freshmen on Third West. But during Melon and Gourd that doesn't matter; we are all equals. I have four years worth of memories but, more importantly, I have bonded with 33 other men every year in a way that is totally unique."

"Actually the most fun part of the day was what came after my entrance, as throughout the day I got to observe different people's reactions to me," says Zilz, an engineering physics major from Columbia City, Ind. "After a quiz in Historic Christian Belief with Dr. (Bill) Heth, he tapped me on the shoulder and asked in a super friendly tone, 'So are you visiting today?' Then he did a double-take and cracked up saying, 'It's David Zilz. Everyone, it's David Zilz!'" After another class, his professor told him he made a better looking man than woman. "That seems to be the general consensus among the feedback I received," Zilz says.

a journey of obedience

As was the case for many newlywed college students 60 years ago, Dave and Becky (Swander '53) Le Shana '53 would have needed more money to call the early years of their marriage their "salad days." He only had $50 dollars in his pocket when he arrived at Taylor – which went straight to the registrar – and she'd only had enough money for a half semester of school. But God had provided before. There was no reason to believe He was going to stop now. Dave's goal was to be a missionary doctor. Becky's was to serve the Lord at Dave's side. But one day they met what seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle.

"After we were married we got a notice from the business office that our bill had to be paid in two weeks on a Monday, and it was $198. We had absolutely nothing," Dave remembers. But within a few hours a call came from a local church asking Dave to preach a revival series for the next two weeks. What the Le Shanas hadn't counted on was that each night a love offering was taken from the congregation. When the two weeks ended, just hours before their bill was due, the Le Shanas counted the money, and it tallied exactly $198.

Since that day they have seen God perform the miraculous over and over. Dave didn't become a missionary doctor. Instead, they sensed God's leading to return to Taylor a year after they graduated. While Dave served Taylor through church relations, communications and in the role of campus pastor, Becky served the Lord at Dave's side as his confidant, advisor, homemaker and helper. Eventually they followed God's call to George Fox University in Newburg, Ore., where Dave became president and Becky was his first lady. They would reprise those roles two more times in the coming years at Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, Wash.) and Western Evangelical Seminary (part of George Fox University).

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Becky and Dave Le Shana are greeted by Marylou and Gene Habecker following the Le Shanas' induction into the Taylor Legion of Honor.

In recognition of more than 50 years of distinguished service to Christian higher education, the Le Shanas became only the 15th and 16th members of Taylor's Legion of Honor, the highest recognition Taylor University can bestow upon an alumnus or alumna.

"I thought I was marrying a medical missionary to India. But the Lord had other ways for us to go," Becky relates. "To me, it is just like, 'Lord, how faithful you have been!' I wasn't sure I could make it through the first semester and I've been in college for many years. 1 Kings 8:56 says, 'There hath not failed one word of all His good promises.' I want you to know He does what He says."

Dave admits he never dreamed of being a college president. Instead, his prayer was for something less visible but much more vital. "As Becky and I have worked together and loved together and shared together and believed God together, our greatest desire, which I learned here at Taylor, was I wanted to be a person that God could trust.

"The question was not, 'Do I trust God?'" Dave continues in his cello-like voice, which hearkens to a lifelong pastor as much as it does a veteran college administrator. "The real question was, 'Can God trust me?' Wherever He led me, could He trust me to give Him the glory and all of the praise? And so when I went to these other colleges, I wanted to live out that life. I want to live out that relationship with God and with Becky, our family and our friends that would give God the glory. Those are the things that we learned here at Taylor that changed our lives and made us all the more desirous of being the man and being the woman that God could trust to use for His glory."

It's obvious that the initial spark Dave and Becky felt when they met 60 years ago has blossomed into a flame. They hold hands, not unlike many of the college students that surrounded them at Homecoming; and there is a tenderness that manifests itself in the way they speak to each other, and as they joyfully recount all the ways that God has directed their lives.

"Just a year ago I took Becky out for dinner and I said, 'Honey, this is a *wow* dinner,'" Dave remembers, his eyes lighting up. "She said, 'What do you mean a *wow* dinner?' And I said, 'Sixty years ago my heart went *wow* when I saw you.'"

God's latest call for the Le Shanas was to the Phoenix, Ariz., area, where they now serve as grandparents. And on the days he isn't chauffeuring grandkids to volleyball or soccer, he is serving a fourth Christian college as board chairman at Azusa Pacific University. They still say it is a ministry that began at Taylor University.

"Taylor is our basis because that is where we met – that is our foundation. Every school we went to we tried to make it a little Taylor," Becky relates. "It was here that my life was deepened in Jesus Christ," Dave adds in agreement.

"It was the Lord who we committed our lives to; we believe that he's going to lead us step by step," Dave says. "Proverbs 3:5-6 says, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding (not even the understanding and wisdom we got at Taylor), but in all our ways to acknowledge Him (acknowledge his Lordship, acknowledge his authority, acknowledge his love, and always acknowledge Him), and He will direct our pathways. And so our life has been a journey of obedience to Him and being surprised by Him."

"The Lord has led hundreds of young people from these universities to feel the impact of our ministries," Dave adds. "It's been the joy of our life."

Aaron Sherlock

Learning to trust

The first shots were fired at 10:20 a.m. While nine years of birthdays, address changes, graduations and travels can erase some memories, Aaron Sherbeck '12 remembers exactly what he was doing that Monday morning. He and his classmates had just come in from break time at Murree Christian School (MCS), a Christian boarding school in the Himalayan foothills of Pakistan.

A band of men armed with grenades and automatic weapons burst through the gate into the courtyard that only moments before had been filled with schoolchildren. Methodically passing through the schoolyard, they fired at everyone they encountered. After a few agonizing minutes, the gunmen made their escape, only to be cornered a short time later by the Pakistani military. At that, they detonated their grenades, making themselves the final victims of the carnage. Back at MCS, school officials ventured outside where they found six dead and many others wounded. It could have been so much worse.

"The attackers were aiming to arrive during that break, because if they had all the kids would have been outside," Sherbeck relates. "As it was, they got held up in traffic and arrived 10 minutes late. No children were hurt; no teachers were hurt."

It is an estimated 7,285 miles from Upland, Indiana, to Islamabad, Pakistan.

Sherbeck, a media communication major at Taylor, admits before that day his belief in God was lukewarm and filled with questions about His existence. Some of those questions began to be answered following the attack as stories of miraculous rescues for intended victims came to light. A man was pulled into a shed and the door slammed shut just before the attackers passed – when he turned to see who had saved his life, he was alone. Another man fleeing the attack reached a fence too tall for him to climb, but two men in white shalwar kameez (the local dress) boosted him to safety. When he turned to thank them, they were gone. The mother of one of the schoolchildren was caught in the courtyard when she saw two security guards waving at her to join them in their hiding place. Running toward them, she could feel bullets ripping through her clothes and hair, but her only injury was from a bullet fragment that ricocheted and struck her hand. Later, she learned that no one at the school knew of any such men.

The MCS attack was not his first such experience. Just a few months earlier attackers threw grenades and sprayed his family's church with gunfire during a worship service. Several were killed and more were injured, including Sherbeck's parents, who were briefly hospitalized. "Before the attacks, there really wasn't any security because there wasn't a need for it," Sherbeck explains. "The majority of Pakistanis are the most gentle, kind people you'll ever meet."

Sherbeck is one of nearly 130 Taylor students known as MKs (missionary kids) or TCKs (third culture kids) studying at Taylor. Since arriving in Upland, his life has settled down a bit, but it isn't without challenges. Last year his appendix ruptured, landing him in the hospital for a week. He was later involved in a traffic accident, due primarily to the fact that he is still a bit of a novice behind the wheel.

It is the mundane that has taken the most getting used to such as Western norms of dating and the fast pace of life. And he hesitates when classmates ask where he is from. Sherbeck, whose parents live and work near the Pakistani capital city of Islamabad, holds dual citizenship in the United States and Canada. His parents lived in Wheaton, Ill., for five years and his grandparents live in Madison, Wis.

"The question, 'Where is home?' will often bring a look of terror to MKs'/TCKs' faces, and will then be followed by whatever answer they think the inquirer will best relate to," says Judy Daudt, who with her husband Carl sponsors the MuKappa support group for Taylor's MKs and TCKs. "Often it will be 'Grandma's home,' because that is the permanent address used for official business ... and maybe they spent a little time there when they were on furlough."

Asked what drew him to Upland, Ind., and Taylor University, Sherbeck gives two reasons. "The media program primarily; I knew I wanted to go into media. And Taylor had the reputation of being a very friendly, very welcoming atmosphere." For Sherbeck, that welcome has been realized on Third Morris (The Brotherhood), in his major and in MuKappa.

"MuKappa (has) various events. I don't go to all of them, but I try to make it to some things at least. I try to go on the retreats," he says. "And don't forget the Daudts. When I was in the hospital, one or the other of them was in the hospital every single day. Judy especially spent most of the days at the hospital. My parents have said on numerous occasions if it hadn't been for the Daudts, one of them would have had to come back to the States."

"All of our MKs and TCKs have a story. Some are pretty dramatic, while others may not be as captivating as Aaron's," Daudt says. "But many have had amazing experiences that those of us growing up in America would never be able to comprehend – unless we let them know we really want to hear their story, and then sit down and really listen to what they have to say."

"If my faith has grown, it has been in small, subtle ways by seeing God's provision and care in difficult circumstances," says Sherbeck. "(It's) mainly in knowing that God is looking out for me, that He has a plan and that He will provide. I think I've grown to trust Him a little more."

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2010 Homecoming and Parents & Family Weekend at Taylor:

(Clockwise)
- Taylor Johnson rushes for a first down
- Audrey Boyers leads worship
- Intercultural Airband performs
- Craig Jaggers speaks to students
- Hope Knowling dives for the volleyball
- Joel Sonnenberg speaks to chapel
- Jan Glass greets Jim Woods
- Hundreds visited Ivanhoe's
- The class of '60 reunited

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ALUMNI NOTES

keeping connected with friends

1941

Rodah Grace (Elliott) Welch died April 27, 2010, in Round Rock, Texas. She was a homemaker who had a special passion for flowers, was a national flower show judge and a member of garden clubs in several communities. Rodah was preceded in death by her husband **Marshall '39**.

1945

Rev. Naida Sutch died August 27, 2010. Among her life's ministries she served as missionary-chaplain at a girls' school sponsored by the United Church Board for World Ministry in South Africa, as a director of Christian education in several churches and as a minister in numerous United Church of Christ churches. Naida is survived by her husband, Mac Gillespie, and a large extended family.

1948

Norma Jean (Hickey x) Fleming passed away May 20, 2010, in Ocala, Fla. For many years she was a bookkeeper for a law firm. She was unable to finish her degree at Taylor due to the War years, but her love of Taylor was one of the main reasons she urged her children to attend college. Her husband Edward preceded her in death.

1949

The Rev. Warren Kievit Alnor, Sr. died December 29, 2009, in Lincoln, Neb. His wife **Jean Lucille (Barkley x'50)** survives. Warren was a United Methodist minister for nearly 60 years in N.J., Ind., Ky., N.Y. and Neb. He was also a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

1951

Rev. Irvin Hultin x passed away July 15, 2010, in Minot, N.D. Irvin was a United Methodist pastor throughout the state of N.D. In 2003 he was recognized as one of the Jubilee Clergy for 50 years of service. Irvin's life enjoyments included gardening, traveling, reading, visitation, games puzzles and walking. Frieda, his wife of 45 years, survives. • **Rev. Robert Ott** died May 1, 2010, in Danville, Pa. Robert served in the U.S. Navy and was a telephone operator in the Philippines during World War II. After the Navy, with assistance from the GI bill, he was able to attend Taylor. For 24 years he taught history and sociology at Valley Forge Christian College. He was also an ordained minister of the Assembly of God. Barbara, his wife of 62 years, survives. • **Douglas Wingeier** had a book published, *Marks of Mission: A Life Transformed by 50 Years in Mission* (Wind Eagle Press, 2010), which draws on a lifetime of international, cross-cultural engagement to develop an approach to mission that is biblical, progressive and tested by experience. Doug, emeritus professor of practical theology at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, lives with wife Carol at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

1952

Rev. Charles Grover passed away suddenly August 9, 2009, in Wolfeboro, N.H. He loved life and could often be heard saying, "All this and heaven, too!" For over six decades Charles shared the Gospel, whether it was in a coffee shop or a church. Among his survivors are his wife Ruth, daughter **Darlene (Grover x'76) McLean** and grandchildren **Dustin '08, Devan '06, Dionne (McLean '09) Davis** and **Darren McLean '11**.

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1956

01 Evelyn (McNeil) Aichele died April 6, 2010. She was an RN who enjoyed geriatrics and working on the floor as well as serving as a director of nursing in various nursing homes. Evelyn was an active volunteer in local hospitals and for the American Cancer Society. She was also employed by the N.D. Department of Health and travelled the state surveying nursing homes. Evelyn is survived by her husband Ike. • **Riley Case** recently published

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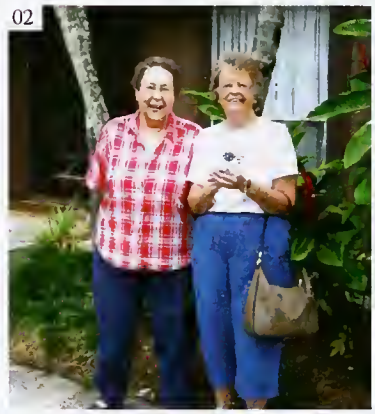

the book, *A Paper Route is Good for the Soul*, which is a series of essays about growing up in LaGrange, Ind., spending summers in Berne, Ind., and other adventures. Of special interest is a chapter titled, "She Was a Calvinist Anyway," which is an account of Riley's freshman year in Swallow Robin Residence Hall. The book can be ordered from Riley for $10.00 at rbcase@hoosierbroadband.com. He also has three other books: *Understanding the New United Methodist Hymnal, Evangelical and Methodist, a Popular History* and *How Hackleburg Became a 13-Pie Church.*

1958

02 Jane (Vanzant-Hodson) Haines and husband **George ALHU '78** visited Jane's college roommate **Betty (Godsey) Davis** for six days. Jane & George were on their way to Australia and New Zealand and split the air time by visiting with Betty both going and returning to the U.S. Betty was their "tour guide" on Oahu.

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1959

03 Friends **Janet Berst, Sherry (Perkins) Gormanous, Norma (Walker x) Cotner** and **Robert Cotner '58** gathered for a birthday celebration in Kenilworth, Ill.

1960

04 **Russ & Nancy (Liechty '61) Oyer** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 20, 2010. They were honored by their children with an open house and loved visiting with many family and friends. They rejoice in God's goodness, mercy and grace through the years.

1962

05 Larry and **Patricia (Liby '62) Amstutz** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 20, 2010. Among the friends and family celebrating with them were **Scott '84 & Suzanne (LeMaster '84) Amstutz, Dr. Arlan '66 & Sally (Sweet) Birkey** and **Dr. David TUFW '66 & Joleen (Herman TUFW '67) Biberstein**. Larry and Pat reside at 15209 S. Harbourside, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

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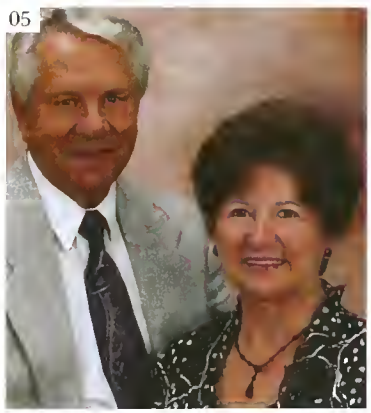

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Laura (Pearson) Johnson passed away in her home in South Holland, Ill., on June 23, 2010. She had a lifelong ministry in voice and piano music. She is survived by her husband Lloyd.

1964

Larry Cox x died suddenly on January 10, 2010, in Royersford, Pa. He worked for more than 35 years in the human resource and educational departments of Dana Corp. before retiring in 2001. He then started his own consulting firm, Business Improvement Solutions, Inc. His wife Peggy survives. • **06** **Rev. Elmer Vogelsang** has been called to serve as the new director of missions for the New River Baptist Association. Elmer and his wife **Nancy (Estep)** can be contacted at ewvogelsang@gmail.com.

1966

Seven Taylor alumnae gathered in Fort Wayne, Ind., at the homes of **Jan Grau** and **Margie Culbertson**. During

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their time together they visited with **Sonja Strohm** and **Walt '64** & **Mary (Baker '65) Campbell** and had a tour of the Taylor campus. They thank God for bringing them to Taylor and the friendships that have lasted through the years. **01** L-R (back row): **Elaine (Willis) Long, Sue (Small) High** and **Mary Ellen (Eversden x) Meeks.** L-R (front row): **Jan (Sprunger) Grau, Margie (Neuenschwander x) Culbertson, Marsha (King x) Hunt** and **Ann (Phillips) Childress.**

1967

Roger Demarest passed away suddenly on June 16, 2010. He was a lifetime resident of Westwood, N.J., and owner of Demarest Chevrolet. He was a member of the Pascack Bible Church where his beautiful voice blessed the congregation for many years. Roger's wife **Marjorie (Andes)** and two sons survive. He was preceded in death by sister **Barbara Jean (BJ) Schwarzkopf** •

02 **Larry Nykerk x** recently retired after 43 years of teaching at Traverse City Central (Mich.), but continues coaching tennis. His girls teams have qualified for state in each of his 29 years as coach. Leading the girls to a second-place finish at state also earned Larry special honors as this season's Division 2 Regional Coach of the Year.

1969

David Case, Jr. retired July 1, 2010, after 41 years of full-time service from the United Methodist ordained ministry. He was a pastor at eight parish appointments in the East Ohio Annual Conference and served as chairperson of several annual conference and district boards. David and his wife Esther continue to live in the Mansfield, Ohio area. • **Rick Poland** was recently selected by the Flagler College student body as Professor of the Year for the 2009-2010 academic year. Flagler is a liberal arts college in St. Augustine, Fla. Rick has won this award two of the past three academic years.

1972

Karen (Siders) Wissman passed away June 12, 2010, after a battle with cancer. Among the survivors are her husband **Earl, father Rev. Harley Siders '52**, sister **Kathy (Siders) Smith**, son **Matthew Wissman '05** and daughter-in-law **Alisse Goldsmith-Wissman '08.** Earl lives in Casco, Mich.

1975

Derrell and **Sandra (Schoenhals) Patterson** live in Big Spring, Texas. Derrell has been appointed district superintendent of the Big Spring District of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. His appointment began July 1, 2010.

1976

Dr. Louis ("Buzz") Gallien is the dean of the School of Education/Human Resources at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. Oakland has nearly 20,000 students and is a Research 1 institution. The School of Education/Human Resources has 5,000 students and 77 full-time faculty members on the former Dodge estate in Rochester Hills.

1977

03 In memory of **Sid Hall**, his name has been placed on the "Great Cloud of Witnesses Wall" in the Memorial Prayer Chapel at Taylor University. His widow **Bonnie (Johnson '78)** now lives in Berne, Ind. She can be reached at bonnie.hall@hotmail.com.

1978

Paul Staup passed away on May 16, 2010. Paul had a godly influence on countless people in North Jersey

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David Leveille '60 still remembers the day he first laid eyes on the Taylor campus 54 years ago. He was riding in a car with his friend **George Glass '58**, when they arrived at the front gate. "Well," Glass said, "there's Taylor."

Leveille, who grew up in Boston, Mass., was, well, nonplussed. "I can remember saying, 'Where is it?' I just lived a few blocks from Harvard, and I remember thinking, 'My Lord, what have you taken me into?'"

Today Leveille marvels at the growth of Taylor's campus. And even from that less-than-auspicious beginning, Leveille formed lifelong friendships and saw all that Christ-centered education could be through the lives of faculty members like **Milo A. Rediger '38**, **Don Odle '42** and **Grace Olson**. In fact, Leveille, who had scrimmaged with the Boston Celtics and had dreams of an NBA career, became a lifelong educator instead.

Having battled cancer for the past 13 years, Leveille's great hope was that he could come to Taylor for summer Homecoming planning committee meetings, and again for Homecoming this fall. His arrival was a wonderful surprise to many of his former classmates who had prayed for his wellbeing.

"My wife said, 'You're excited about going back, aren't you?' and I said, 'Yes.' It is good to be alive and to come back and see people that I haven't seen for 50 years," he says. "Life is for the living."

through his Christian counseling ministry. His wife **Lori (Jacobsen)** and son David survive; his brother is **Jim Staup '77**.

1980

Dave Guhse Caperton has joined the legal division of the Federal Reserve Board as special counsel on oversight, a position recently created to address various investigations and audits related to federal assistance provided during the recent financial crisis. He can be reached at Dave.Caperton@frb.gov. • **Dr. Scott Reece** has assumed the role of interim vice president of the medical education division for Ball Memorial Hospital, Inc. Scott is currently the senior associate director, family medicine residency at BMH. He completed his residency at Ball Hospital in 1987, and then practiced family medicine in eastern Delaware County (Ind.) for eight years. He returned to the residency as a faculty member in 1995.

1984

Nancy Ellen Davis, Hillsboro, Fla., died August 14, 2010. Her profession was in sales, working for companies like MCI and Integrated Services Corp. She was also pursuing a master's degree at Capella University.

1986

04 Jeff Raymond has been named head men's and women's track and field coach and head men's and women's cross country coach at Grace College (Ind.). Previously Jeff coached at Trinity Christian College where he was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Coach of the Year in 2009.

1992

05 Jody (Erdman '92) Hedlund recently had her first book, The Preacher's Bride, published by Bethany House. She has other books being released in 2011 and in 2012. Jody was a double finalist in the 2009 ACFW Genesis Contest in Historical Romance. She lives in Midland, Mich. with husband **Jeff** and their five children.

1994

06 David Chamberlin, senior vice president and director of issues and crisis management at MS&L , has been named to PR Week's Top 40 under 40 2010: Early Influencers. PR Week highlights young leaders by stating, "Decades of experience aren't a requirement for success in the PR industry. PRWeek profiles 40 professionals, nominated by colleagues, who have already made significant contributions to their agencies, clients, and organizations." • Rodney and **Sara (Banks) Turner** are the proud parents of Katherine Amelia Turner (Kat) born May 31, 2010. Kate joins brother Jacob Oliver Hubbard, 6. Sara is employed by The National Christian Foundation as marketing project manager where she works with both internal and external marketing and communications projects in a part-time capacity. • **Robert Wohlfarth** recently accepted a position with the Center for Professional and Patient Advocacy at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., as a computer programmer. Rob's wife **Renee (Fenner '96)** stays at home and homeschools their daughters Deanna, 13, Lucretia, 8, and Vania, 3. They reside in Spring Hill, Tenn., and can be reached at rbwohlfarth@gmail.com or rnwohlfarth@gmail.com.

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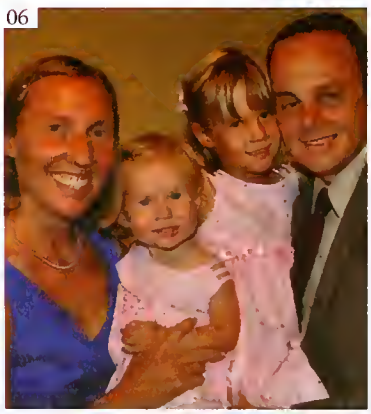

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01 Ben and **Susan (Schuster) Rice** brought Ezekiel Eyasu home from Ethiopia on January 9, 2010. He turned three in April, 2010. Ezekiel joins brother Whitton, 9, and sisters Sylvia, 7, and Maren, 5.

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02 **Franz & Emily (Gottschalk '99) Forman** celebrated the birth of Jackson Xavier on February 3, 2010. He joins sisters Madeline, 7, and Katie, 5.

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Keren (McPherson) Baltzer is chief copy editor for Guideposts. She had an article published in the September 2010 issue about gluten-free cooking. Her husband **Dan '94** is co-founder of The Limner Society and was recently a featured artist at their annual gathering held this year in Joplin, Mo. The annual gathering was established by four Taylor graduates with a mission to encourage Christian artists to not only glorify God, but to reach audiences by creating their works in a public forum. The Limner Society website is www.limnersociety.com. Dan's website is www.dbaltzer.com.

2000

03 **Erin Amerson** married Chuck Cochard on January 2, 2010. Taylor alumni in the wedding included **Erin (Lastoria '00) Gerig** and **Sarah Leistner '00**. Erin is the coordinator of extended programs in the office of admissions for Butler University. • **Nate Bates** joined the Guilford College (N.C.) coaching staff as the assistant men's lacrosse coach. He was head of Taylor's lacrosse team from 2000-04. • **04** **Mark Bettenhausen** and Erin Witt began their married life together on April 17, 2010. Mark works in mergers and acquisitions for Walgreens. They live in Libertyville, Ill. • **05** **Cindy Norman** married Chris Haughey on January 16, 2010, in Burbank, Calif. They reside in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Chris started a wooden toy company called Tegu, which provides jobs and creates toys from natural resources in Honduras. Along with the purchase of a set of toys, buyers are allowed to choose whether to plant a dozen trees or send a local Honduran child living in a trash dump to school for a day. More information is available at www.tegu.com. Cindy may be contacted at umailumina@yahoo.com. • **06** **Jeremy & Lynn (Schroeder '01) Smith** announce the birth of Olivia Lee on May 21, 2009. She joins big sister Abigail, 4. The family lives in Concord, Calif. They can be reached at smithseinfeld@hotmail.com.

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2001

Illinois Army National Guard Spec. **Katherine Forbes** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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07 **Alicia McConnell** earned a master's degree in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary in May 2010. Commencement speaker was **Dr. Eugene Habecker '68**. She also earned a master's degree in library and information science from University of South Florida in 2005. Alicia can be reached at alicia.mcconnell@gmail.com. • **08** The Ranch+ 30th birthday party was held in Chicago last summer. L-R (front row): **Emily (Andrews) Coon, Mel (Domsten) Barrett** and **Kimberley (Barve '03) Best**. L-R (back row): **Michelle (Catt) Pegg, Mindy (Rupp) Bland, Becca (Rumsey) Nolley, Sara (Secttor) James** and **Amanda Schaffer**. • **09** **Robert** and **Krista (Vannoy) McKinnon** were married in March 2008. They live in Martinez, Ga., where Krista is in seminary at Columbia International University. She can be reached at krista.vannoy@gmail.com.

2003

Leslie Bradford is national marketing director for Universal Restoration Services in Wheeling, Ill. Her e-mail address is lbradford@4universal.com. • **10** **Jason** & Marissa **Harris** are the proud parents of Andrew Lawrence born May 29, 2010. Jason is the director of worship ministries at Browncroft Community Church in Rochester, N.Y. He earned a master's degree in worship, theology and the arts from Fuller Seminary in June 2010. • **11** Jon and **Laura (Vaughan) Mitteness** welcome Luke William born August 31, 2009. They live in Phoenix, Ariz. • **12** **Katherine Stirdivant** married David Salinas on June 12, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Taylor attendants were **Julie (Poppen '02) Cosgrove** and **Noah '02 & Beth (Byers) DeLong**. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill. Katherine can be contacted at katsalinas12@gmail.com.

2004

13 **Jeremy & Lisa (Bussema) Kuiper** are the proud parents of Libby born on May 3, 2010. Jeremy started his surgical residency in Sayre, Pa., in July, and they live in Waverly, N.Y. They can be reached at kuiper.jeremy@gmail.com.

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14 **Shawn & Carrie-Jo (Dowd '04) Freed** joyfully welcomed Isabella Juliet born July 17, 2009. They can be contacted at scfreed@gmail.

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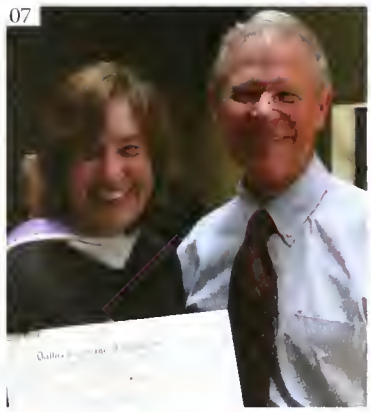

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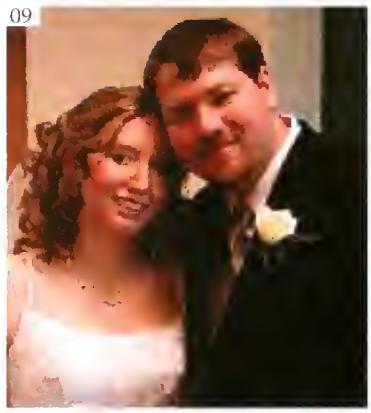

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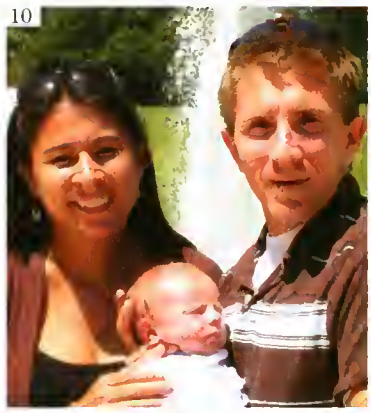

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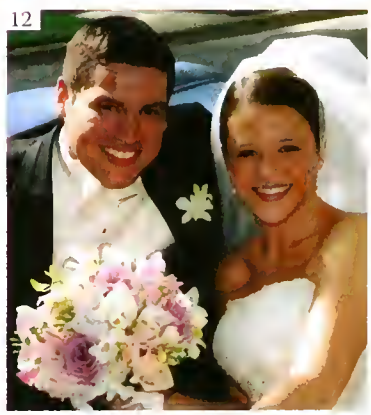

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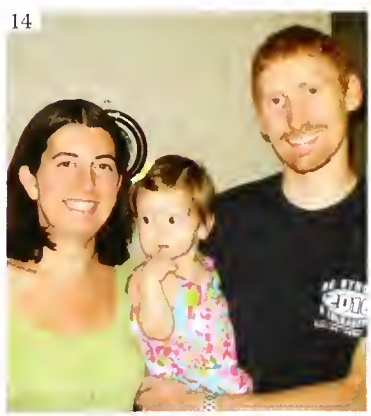

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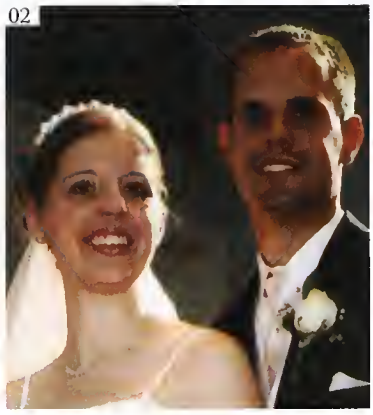

com. • **Elizabeth Jorgensen** died June 9, 2010, after a courageous three-year battle with melanoma. Her video tribute can be seen at http://memorial.yourtribute.com/jorgensen. • **01** **Michael & Whitney (Zimmerman) Larson** joyfully welcome Ellery Anne born May 23, 2010. They live in St. Charles, Ill., and can be reached at michaeljohnlarson@gmail.com. • **Vickie Linehan** teaches 8th grade science at Kokomo Central Middle School (Ind.). The student body contributed over $1,100 to aid a Haitian orphanage, and Vickie delivered the check to the organization affected by the recent earthquake. • **02** **Katie Ricca** and **J.J. Lesko '04** were married on June 27, 2009, in Naperville, Ill. Taylor attendants included **Abigail Bennett, Sherif Mansour, Matt & Miriam (White '06) Gin, David '07 & Heather (Young '07) Ricca, Steve Overton, Luke Sawatsky '06** and **Jason Griffin '10**. J.J. is a financial analyst for a benefits consulting firm, and Katie teaches high school chemistry. They live in Hartland, Wisc.• Kyle and **Kristin (Shank) Schenk** joyfully welcomed Sawyer Maddox on January 13, 2010. The family has moved to 3110 Parklane St. NW, Canton, OH 44709. • **03** **Andrew Slate** and Christi Hillis were married on August 8, 2009, in Charlotte, N.C. Participating were L-R: **Tom Smillie '07, Andrew Lossau '06, John Ames, Matt Schrock, Travis O'Neal '04, Matt Hirsch, Dusty & Andrea (Butcher) Di Santo** and (not pictured) **Brad & Jackie (Gaines '06) Johnston.** The Slates are both working and in graduate school in Charlotte. They can be reached at getslate@gmail.com. • **04** **Daniel** & Jennifer **Sorensen** were married on June 6, 2009. **Isaac Pellerin** performed the wedding and **Joshua '06 & Abby (Yoder '06) Damron, Jonathan Lundquist** and **Heidi Babson '08 x** also attended.

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05 **Ross Chapman** married Candace Deisher on January 1, 2010. Ross is director of connections and church development at CharlotteONE. He earned an MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in the summer of 2010. Ross can be reached at rossandrewchapman@gmail.com. • **06** **Alyson Daughtridge** married **Chris Clark** on June 13, 2008. Chris received his medical degree from Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. He is currently doing his residency at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C., and will continue his last three years of residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Md. Aly received her master's degree in community counseling in 2008 and is currently working as an elementary school counselor. The couple resides in Greenville, N.C., and can be reached at AlysonDClark@gmail.com. • **Ashley Gale** graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 30, 2010. She began her internship and residency in internal medicine at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago in June. • **Joshua Nathan** is going into full-time missions and will be doing IT support at Black Forest Academy in Germany for at least two years. For more information, and/or to support Josh, visit www.BeyondtheBlackForest.com. • **Sarah Sarracino** married Jonathan Lewis on July 9, 2010. The couple lives in Monroeville, N.J. Sarah can be reached at SarahSarracino@gmail.com.

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07 Casey **Davis** married Lucas

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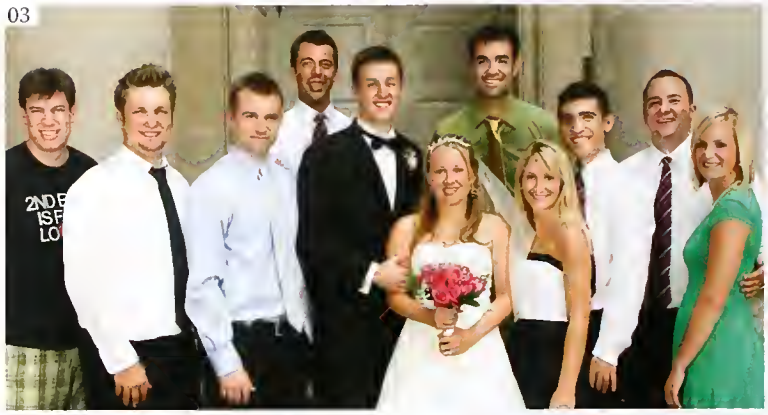

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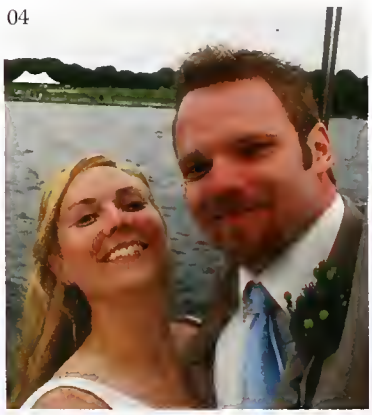

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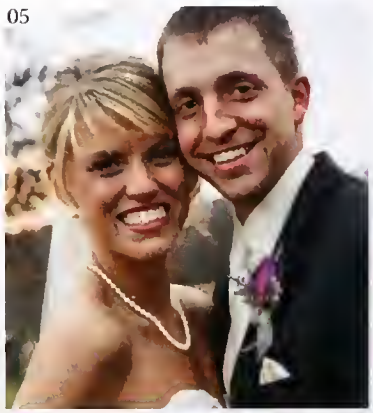

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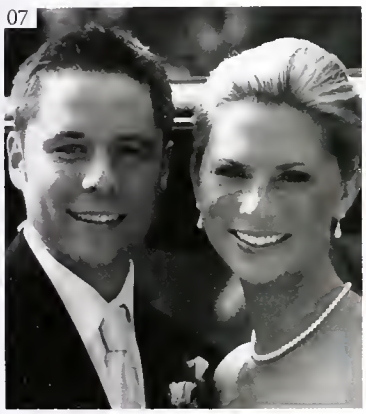

Draper on May 9, 2009. Alumni in the wedding included **Kelli (Davis '05) Tharpe, Leanna Kelton, Kelsey (Welch) Mukai** and **Laura (Degendorfer x) Nordell**. Casey works at LexisNexis as a senior

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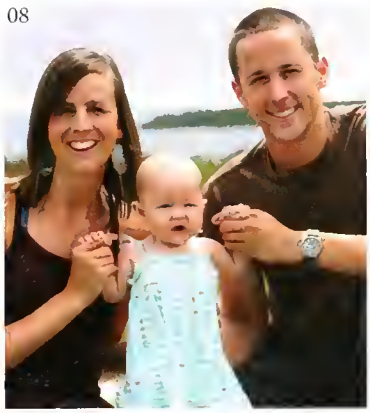

accounting analyst and Lucas is a financial advisor with First Command Financial Planning. The couple resides in Dayton, Ohio, and Casey can be reached at casey.l.draper@gmail.com. • **08** **Dan & Jenny (DeGeyter) Haller** celebrated the birth of daughter Ari Taylor on January 1, 2010. They live in Charlotte, N.C. where Dan teaches 4th grade and Jenny works as a nutritional counselor. E-mail them at haller.dan@gmail.com and jenny.d.haller@gmail.com. • **09** **Kelsey Welch** and Michael Mukai were married July 11, 2009, in Madison, Wisc. Taylor friends who participated were **Courtney Head, Lydia (Verhagen) Honken, Casey (Davis) Draper, Jane Johnston, Amanda Probst '08** and **Amanda (Mabie) Smith**. Kelsey is a preschool teacher in Boston and Michael is a technical field specialist at W.R. Grace in Cambridge, Mass. • **10** **Amy Wong** and **Erik Heavey** were married October 18, 2009. Participating from Taylor were **Shannon (Wilson '06) Zimmerman, Greg Smith '05, Jeremy Heavey '03, Brian Wong '11, Sarah Toldt** and **Amie (Snow) Kasper**. Amy is a 3rd grade dual language teacher. The couple lives in Wheaton, Ill. • **11** **Lauren Young** married **Kevin Wright** on August 9, 2008. They live in Fishers, Ind.

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12 **Erica Yoder** and **Trevor Kight** were married on June 12, 2009, at the Eiteljorg Museum in downtown Indianapolis. Erica is in her third year as a dental student at Indiana University School of Dentistry, pursuing her D.D.S. Trevor works in the communications office of Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels.

2009

Jeremy Cates is a member of the George Washington University Police

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Department in Washington, D.C. His e-mail is jeremy.a.cates@gmail.com. • **01** **Rebecca Clouse** married **Cameron Heasley** on February 20, 2010. They live in Fishers, Ind. Cameron works for Larson Financial Group and Rebecca is an art teacher at Center Grove High School. • **02** **Kevin Crosby** has been named the coordinator of campus sustainability and stewardship at Taylor University. He will be providing direction and support for areas related to overall sustainability on the campus and energy management in particular. Kevin can be contacted at kvcrosby@taylor.edu. • **03** **Darcy Miller** and **Nathan Miller** were married on August 8, 2009, in Muncie, Ind. Nate is the assistant soccer coach at Taylor University and also the head coach of a club soccer team in Westfield, Ind. Darcy works in the Taylor University registrar's office. The couple resides in Muncie, Ind., and can be reached at darcycmiller@gmail.com. • **04** **Kelley Wilson** married **Josh Hibschman** on June 12, 2010.

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Josh is employed with Accenture as a consulting analyst. They live in Downers Grove, Ill.

2010

05 **Sarah Lu** married **Ben England** on May 28, 2010, in Warsaw, Ind. Ben is in a graduate program in biology at Ball State University. Sarah can be reached at sarah.lu.england@gmail.com.

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The mosaic of God's John 3:16 community

One of the most intriguing international conferences Marylou and I have ever participated in was the recent Lausanne 2010 in Capetown, South Africa. There, we were joined by faculty member Dr. Phil Collins and we were further privileged to meet many Taylor alumni engaged in key global ministries.

More than 4,200 Christians from 198 countries were present. Seeing the multiple faces of color, hearing hundreds of languages being spoken and sung, and listening to speakers from around the world gave us a foretaste of Heaven.

Dr. Milo A. Rediger '39 dreamed of such a mosaic at Taylor, once describing this place as one where each of us could be free to become what God has called us to be. Dr. Rediger's wish was that men and women from throughout the socioeconomic, racial and international spectra could come to Taylor University to be mentored in our classrooms and then sent to minister the redeeming love and truth of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

As I've thought and prayed over that "world in need," the image that comes to mind is not only that of a "needy world" per se, but also a world in which we are engaged, being salt and light, and declaring God's glory among the nations. Throughout Taylor's 164-year history, God has sent our students and graduates throughout the world and has been faithful to bring men and women to our campus to study and serve. Each has left an indelible mark on this holy place.

Recently, I was scanning yearbooks from my college years at Taylor. From 1964-1968, Taylor was growing and our enrollment had climbed to nearly 1,400 students. Yet, I was struck by a glaring absence. In those four yearbooks, I found only a few students of color – less than one percent of the overall student population.

We have attempted to make progress in the past four decades. Today those numbers have risen to eight percent, a far cry from the less than one percent of the 1960s. In addition, Taylor has a growing international student population that raises our international, multicultural and ethnic student percentage to nearly 13%. These differences in cultures and colors enrich the community and learning at Taylor.

While that is encouraging, I must ask, "Is that where we, as a Christ-centered university, should be content to be? And, if you, like me, believe that it is not, then what might a more dynamic mosaic look like here at Taylor?

I use the term Mosaic because I believe the concept of a mosaic best represents what I have in mind for Taylor University. A mosaic is a pattern that includes a multitude of components, categories and colors. People who are part of a mosaic do not lose their giftedness or their uniqueness within the fabric of the whole. Indeed, all are needed if the resulting fabric is to reflect the beauty and color that God originally intended.

To that end, we want to expand further the idea of intentional community, be it students, faculty or staff. We want to see even more people of color, more international students and scholars and others from across the socioeconomic spectrum to be a part of the Taylor family.

Holding firm to our anchor points as a Christ-centered, biblically anchored institution of higher learning recognized for its academic strengths, we must begin to look even more like our Lord's John 3:16 world. Indeed, that is the world we live in, and the world our students will continually be part of. I'm convinced that if we get this right, people will beat a path to our door wanting to be a part of this authentic John 3:16 world, and it will advance our mission of ministering love and truth to a world in need.

Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68 serves as president of Taylor University.

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"I am grateful for Taylor funding for scholarship assistance. Through this aid, I have been able to prepare for my career as a Certified Public Accountant. My time at Taylor has also equipped me for my future in ways beyond academics through my involvement with the men's soccer team and through children's ministries at my church. Attending Taylor has helped me learn how to pursue excellence in all areas of my life, including my classes, extracurricular activities, and future endeavors." – **Kyle Drake '11**

Kyle is a senior accounting major and co-captain of the Taylor University men's soccer team. Through his experiences in and out of the classroom, he is being developed into a servant leader with a desire to serve God in all areas of his life.

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Nick Cartwright '12 and the Intercultural Airband performs *Wavin' Flag* at Homecoming. For more photos, see p. 36-37.